

connection with compliance with the standards and regulations. But I am sure that they are not, and will not be, problems which cannot be ironed out. And I am sure that you understand that their solution ultimately works to your advantage in the improvement of the institutions which you operate.

I would like to leave this thought with you, finally. Let us keep reminding ourselves that your State government and you have a common objective — the proper care and the proper treatment of Maryland citizens who are victims of long-term illnesses. The road we have traveled has not been an easy one and the road ahead will have its pitfalls and obstacles. But we can avoid the pitfalls and overcome the obstacles if we continue to work together to improve the status and care of our elderly citizens.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

GLEN BURNIE

August 27, 1963

Thank you Mr. Rouse, Commissioner Ball, Mr. Flora, members of the personnel of this Social Security District Office, ladies and gentlemen:

I am highly honored, I assure you, to have this opportunity to take part in this ceremony in which we open formally this handsome new building which now serves as a District Office of the Social Security Administration in Maryland. This splendid new structure evidences the desire and the determination on the part of the Social Security Administration to offer the best possible service to the nearly quarter of a million persons it serves in our State. In turn, let me assure this important federal agency that the people of Maryland, and I, as their Governor, are most grateful for this gesture of concern and interest. I am told that this office, with its staff of some 20 persons, serves a District comprised of some 400,000 persons — in Anne Arundel County, Howard County and parts of Baltimore County. The Social Security Administration is to be commended highly for the selection of this site in Glen Burnie for the construction of a new District Office. This area of Maryland, lying in the environs of our largest city, is one of the fastest growing, most rapidly developing communities of our entire State. And from all indications, it may be expected to grow at an